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ICAO ASSEMBLY ISSUES

REF: (A) PARIS 17315 (NOTAL), (B) LUXEMBOURG 446,
(C) PARIS 16828 (NOTAL)

1. RE REF (A), MME. LA BATUT OF FOREIGN MINISTRY
INFORMED US JULY 17 THAT MAURICE GRIMAUD, SECRETARY
GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION, NOW FINDS THAT HIS
SCHEDULE MIGHT PERMIT HIM TO RECEIVE WALDMAN ON
JULY 29 OR 30 BUT GRIMAUD WOULD NOT KNOW FOR SURE
UNTIL EARLY NEXT WEEK. WE INFORMED MME. LA BATUT
THAT DEPT. WAS OBLIGED BEGIN FIRING UP WALDMANN'S
SCHEDULE BASED ON RESPONSES RECEIVED FROM OTHER
POSTS ON HIS PROPOSED ITINERARY BUT THAT WE WOULD
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GRIMAUD CONFIRMED HIS AVAILABILITY AND WALDMANN'S SCHEDULE WOULD PERMIT PARIS STOPOVER ON ONE OF THOSE DATES.

2. WE PROFITED FROM OCCASION TO NOTE THAT DISCUSSION AT HELSINKI GATHERING OF WESTERN EUROPEAN DGCA'S (REF B) -- ATTENDED BY GRIMAUD FOR FRANCE -- DID NOT SEEM TO BEAR OUT WHAT MME. LA BATUT HAD TOLD US PREVIOUSLY (REF C) RE GOF POSITION FAVORING BELGIAN PROPOSAL FOR ENLARGEMENT OF ICAO COUNCIL. SHE QUALIFIED HER EARLIER REMARKS BY NOTING THAT NO ONE, AND CERTAINLY NOT GOF, WAS YET READY TO STAND UP AND BE COUNTED IN SUPPORT OF BELGIAN PROPOSAL. NONE OF WESTERN EUROPEANS WAS ENTHUSIASTIC OVER ANY PROPOSALS FOR ENLARGING COUNCIL, BELGIAN PROPOSAL INCLUDED. GOF SIMPLY FELT THAT IN TIME IT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE TO SUPPORT BELGIAN PROPOSAL AS "LESSER EVIL" IF PRESSURES FOR COUNCIL ENLARGEMENT APPEARED INSURMOUNTABLE. SHE THOUGHT THAT MANY COUNTRIES WOULD, LIKE FRANCE, HOWEVER, WAIT TO JUDGE THE MOOD WHEN ICAO ASSEMBLY OPENS BEFORE TAKING FINAL POSITION. IN MEANTIME, SHE CONCLUDED, MOST THAT CAN BE SAID IS THAT GOF "UNLIKE US" IS NOT AT THIS STAGE INALTERABLY OPPOSED TO BELGIAN PROPOSAL.
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